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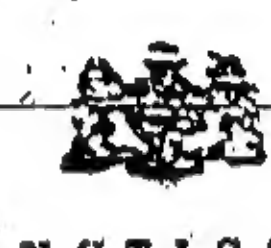
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Revenue Fire Branch £2,381,458

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL

MEETING OF THE CHINA FIRE IN-

SURANCE COMPANY LIMITED will

be held at the registered Office of the

Company No. 2, Queen's Road Central,

Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY the

3rd day of December, 1915, at 12 o'clock

noon when the subject of the Resolution

will be proposed as an Extraordinary

Resolution.

The Articles of Association of the

Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) Article 19 shall be cancelled.

(b) Twenty one clear days' notice

shall be substituted for the words

"Ten days notice at least of every

Meeting."

(c) The following Article shall be sub-

stituted for Article 53, namely:

"Except as otherwise provided by

these Articles no business shall

be transacted at any Meeting

unless there shall be personally

present at the commencement of

the business Ten or more Share-

holders."

(d) Article 64 shall be altered by strik-

ing out all words after the words

"upon a poll every shareholder" and

by adding after such words "present

in person or by proxy shall have one

vote for every share held by him."

Dated the 11th day of November, 1915.

By Order of the Board.

C. PEMBERTON,

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Hongkong, Nov. 11, 1915. 688

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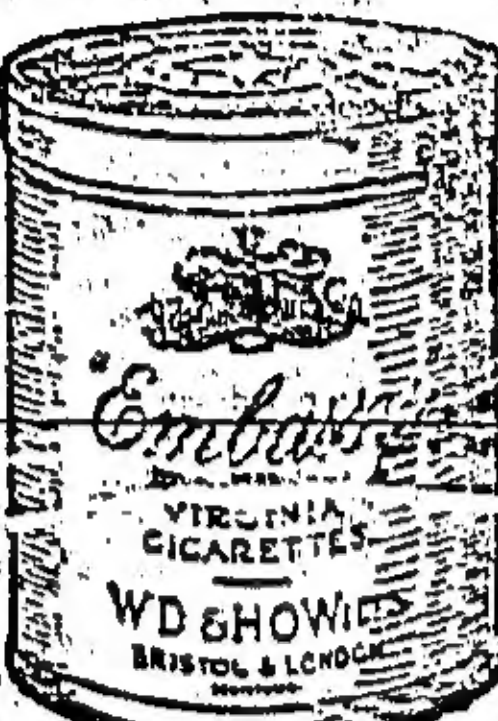
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expedition first sailed from Mudros Bay
for better or for worse, on the afternoon
of April 24, 1915? Since then so many
things have happened in the Eastern
Mediterranean that those early days have
faded into the background and have been
almost forgotten by many. In addition
to hundreds of transports drawn from
every sea in which the British Flag has
ever flown, every type of warship was
represented. There was the mighty
Queen Elizabeth, flying the Admiral's
flag, the wonder of all eyes, and the ad-
miral of every Englishman, Colonial,
Indian, Frenchman, and Sennegalese, who
had been brought together for this, the
last of the great crusades of the Cross
against the Crescent. Then down the
scale came the Lord Nelson, and
Amethyst, the last two the greatest of
our pre-Dreadnought battleships, follow-
ed by the Queen, the London, the Prince
of Wales, and Implacable, and then a
few birthday's elder, the Canopus, Prince
George, Goliath, Albion, Majestic, and
Vengeance, and cruisers of all sorts,
which it would take too long to enumer-
ate.

This mighty Armada should have struck
terror into the hearts of the Turks, but
chubbiness and extremely stupid people
have little or no sense of fear, and were
probably rather flattered at the immen-
sity of the forces brought against them.
After all, this same Armada failed to
force the Dardanelles on March 18, and
they had then seen three battleships, the
Irresistible, Ocean, and Bouvet, go to
the bottom, and several more retire none
the better for their trip up the Straits.

Who will ever forget those early bom-
bardments, the like of which the world
is hardly likely to see again against land
defences, asked Mr. E. A. Ahmed, Bar-
lett. Who does not recall that closing
scene at 5 p.m. on May 8, when every
battleship opened up on the Turkish pos-
itions with Min., 12in., 9.2in., 7.5in., 6in.,
and every other available inch. The earth
shook, the skies became overcast, and
Achi Baba disappeared from view under
immense clouds of rolling smoke
and bursting flames. It was magnificent.
It made you feel drunk with the sense
of power that lies within these steel
walls.

But the Turk, not being of an imagina-
tive turn of mind, refused to play the
role assigned to him, and to run away
shrinking to Allah for mercy and pro-
tection against such devilry. On the son-
tary, he sat tight in his trenches, as he
has done ever since, and successfully
resisted our infantry when they went for-
ward to the attack.

Now, unless we carried the Straits by
a coup de main it was obvious from the
start that our Fleet would not be able
to remain indefinitely off the coast, be-
cause the Huns far away in the North
Sea would be certain to send some sub-
marines to assist their ally, and in addi-
tion there was always the chance of some
Austrian submarines escaping the block-
ade of the Adriatic. Just for three weeks
after the landing the Fleet was left in
peace and quiet, and then the trouble
began. Rumours began to ripple down
the Mediterranean, first from Gibraltar,
then from Malta, later from Cape Ma-
repa, and then from Smyrna. Now it was
time for the giants to take some precau-
tions against these ambitious Devils and
their deadly slugs. The mighty
Queen Elizabeth faded away towards the
setting sun, to reappear in all her glory
under the northern star. Others follow-
ed her example, and only such ships as
were considered necessary for the safety
of the army remained off the coast.
There were many, and more came, fol-
lowed by irresistible power that the Huns
were beneath us.

LOST BATTLESHIPS.

Then came the sinking of the Triumph,
followed two days later by the loss of the
Majestic. The fleet had to retire to
sheltered harbours, protected by boats
and masts. The Turks on the hills above us
looked on eagerly. They were so
carried away by the successes of their ally
that they issued a pathetic appeal to our
soldiers in the trenches, pointing out how
they had been deserted by the Fleet, and
that now no hope remained for them.
In their ignorance they imagined they
were going to enjoy a respite from big guns
until the end of the war. They forgot,
however, the time-honoured old axiom that
the Anglo-Saxon race is always surprised
but never beaten. We are never ready for
anything except fresh location, but on the
other hand, we have a marvellous talent
for improvisation and adopting fresh means
to meet new and unexpected emergencies.
Our mighty pre-Dreadnought Fleet had
suddenly become useless, and we could
not afford to risk the loss of any
more battleships. Accordingly five had gone
the Irresistible, Ocean, Goliath, Triumph,
and Majestic—more than we had ever lost
before in any one period of our naval
history. The Turk had some real reason
to feel flattered. For the next two months
he saw but little of our fleet except an
occasional battleship, some small cruisers,
and the tireless destroyers. Of course,
according to his theories, our Fleet at having
been forced to retire, we should have
surrendered to him, and he would have
taken the whole of the coast. But he
valued his happy dream in vain.

CREATING SUBMARINES.

Meanwhile what was happening? The
British at home were working out a scheme
to get back command of the surface of
the Mediterranean. They set to work to
design craft which could carry the guns
of battleships without having their
vulnerability to submarine attack. Only
a nation with absolute command of the sea
and with unlimited shipbuilding resources
could have set to work to substitute one
fleet with another of an entirely different
type, at a few hours' notice, in the middle
of a great war, while at the same time
blockading the German fleet and holding
all the world's trade routes. Rumours
came rippling down the sunny Mediter-
ranean of strange craft having been sighted
near the coast, and the like of which had
never been seen in Eastern waters before.
The rumours about craft of strange shape
became more and more definite. One fine
day in July the first of them arrived. She
was unlike any other vessel seen in the
Mediterranean, and she was unlike any
other vessel which could carry the guns
of battleships without having their
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THE NEW MONITOR.

The next arrival caused somewhat of a
sensation, not only to the enemy, but to
our own troops. One afternoon there ap-
peared at the entrance of Kephale Harbour
an amazing looking object. She could
hardly be said to steam up, but rather vol-
luted into port, like a huge goose primed
for Michaelmas. It was impossible to tell
at a distance whether she was broadside
out, or showing her bows or her stern,
for she seemed to be quite round.
Her high sides held aloft an absolutely flat
deck, on which nothing showed except an
enormous turret, from which projected
two guns of enormous girth and length,
whilst rising up from her center, like the
giant of some Californian forest, was a
huge striped tripod, bearing aloft a kind of
oblong jewel-box, the exact replica, on a
huge scale, of that in which the Dalai
Llama bears about with him the ashes of
his first embodiment.

With great difficulty, ascending wildly, she
made her way through the crowded har-
bour and dropped anchor with the eyes of
thousands riveted on her. No one had
ever seen the like of her before. Sensa-
tion, in fact, followed sensation. Her crew
began to bathe. Apparently all possessed
the divine power of walking on the water,
for, on descending the ladder, instead of
plunging into the waves, they walked along
them by the side of her, and, having thus
distributed themselves, proceeded to dive
in, only to climb out again a few minutes
later at their will. We set off in
boats to investigate this strange pheno-
menon, and then found that just below the
surface her sides bulged out some 10ft. and
then curved under, forming a platform just
washed by the waves. This is the secret
and the mystery of these craft. In this
large man has concentrated his ingenuity
to defeat the submarine. If a torpedo
strikes her side it will sink. I must not
mention that the hull of the vessel will
escape injury. These huge monitors
carry enough but two 14in. guns and
some anti-aircraft armament. They are
roomy and comfortable, unlike their
smaller neighbours. Their speed is, how-
ever, very slow, an average of 10 knots,
strange shape, and they shoot badly,
but at present their development is
only in its infancy, and they are interest-
ing because in them you see the germ of
what will probably be the battleship of the
future. They can hardly be described as
gracious, and alongside of the great de-
stroyers and elegant cruisers, with a stern
on view, they resemble a fat old dowager
chaperoning some young and graceful
friend at a ball.

SURPRISE FOR THE TURKS.

The first time one of these monitors
went to the mouth of the Dardanelles to
subdue the galleys the poor old Turk
saw a terrible sight. Her guns go off
with a terrible roar, and carry over three-
quarters of a ton of metal fifteen miles.
They recalled to the Turks the early days
of war, when the Queen Elizabeth was
still around, and the great guns of these
monsters arrived, giving us eight 14in.
with which to bombard the enemy's
positions, in addition to a large number of
smaller monitors of all shapes and sizes,
some with names and some without, but
each armed with the very latest weapons
of precision.

Then the new Fleet began to settle to its
work, sailing forth day by day and bom-
barding the enemy's positions, being
spotted for by balloon-ships and aero-
planes. The Turks and the Huns then
began to grasp the sad fact that we had
once more regained command of the sur-
face of the sea, and that the great effort
which had led to the retirement of our
High Seas Fleet had been wasted after
all. Later on two other strange vessels,
the Endurance, and the Thetis, arrived,
twenty-five years old, each protected by a
formidable waistbelt similar to that worn
by the monitors, turned up. It has not
improved their appearance, for the protec-
tion is built from their sides by steel
shingles and wire netting. They look as if
they had just survived a terrible gale, in
which most of their fittings had been
washed away. These old cruisers of the
Sir William White epoch have been born
again. They and the monitors form no
armature, and their fate would give them
an appearance of solidity and security.

MONITOR ON MONITOR.

The big monitors are as steady as a
rock at sea, but they are no beds of roses to
live in, for the coal dust penetrates every-
where, and they are almost impossible to
keep clean. When they fire the big guns
the concussion blows great clouds of
smoke and flame from the funnels,
smothering everything astern. They are
not really ships at all, but floating gun
platforms. Nevertheless they serve their
purpose well, and as no experienced com-
mander would expect them to do more, they
proved a great success. You will have
some strange experiences if you try and
board one in a rough sea. The waves break
over the projecting sides just below the sur-
face, causing a long line of raging surf. Un-
less you are very careful coming up, you
may be washed ashore, or, if you are
speaking, "That is to say, you may be cast
up on the breakwaters and dashed heavily
against the sides."

Thus gradually, throughout the 15th
of July, our new Fleet assembled ready to
assist the efforts to break through the
Turkish lines by the fire of its guns. It
was marvellous that such a transformation
should have been brought about in such a
short space of time. It gave you a true in-
sight into the extent of our technical
resources and the ability of our Navy to
meet any new situation which may be
suddenly thrust upon them.

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Head Office of the Society, No. 2 Queen's
Buildings, 100 House Street, Victoria, on
SATURDAY the 4th day of December,
1915 at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon for
the purpose of considering, and if thought
fit, passing as Extraordinary Resolutions
the following Resolutions, that is to say:—

1. "That the Capital of the Society be
increased to \$4,000,000 (Four
million Dollars) by the creation of
3,000 (Three thousand six hundred)
additional ordinary shares of \$100
(Two hundred and fifty Dollars)
each (whereof \$100 (One hundred
Dollars) shall be credited as paid
up) ranking for dividend and in all
other respects pari passu with the
existing ordinary shares of the
Society; and that the said ad-
ditional shares, so far as shall be
necessary for the purpose, be issued
to those Shareholders of the China
Fire Insurance Company Limited
who have accepted or shall accept
the Society's offer made to them on
the 4th day of August, 1915—such
issue being in accordance with the
terms of a contract or memorandum
in writing made or to be made
pursuant to the said offer and to be
filed with the Registrar of Com-
panies; and that the balance (if
any) of the said additional shares
be disposed of by the Society's
Board of Directors in such manner
as such Board shall think most
beneficial to the Society."

2. "That Article No. 9 of the Society's
Articles of Association which now
reads:—
"The Society shall have a first and
paramount lien upon all the shares
of any shareholder for all monies
due to the Society either from him
alone or jointly with any other
person and where a share is held
by more persons than one the
Society shall have a lien thereon
in respect of all monies so due to
it from all or any of the holders
thereof."
be eliminated in its entirety and
that in lieu thereof the following
new Article be inserted as Article
No. 9:—

9. "The Society shall have a first and
paramount lien upon all the shares
registered in the name of each
shareholder (whether solely or
jointly with others) and upon the
proceeds of sale thereof, for his
debts, liabilities and engagements,
and solely or jointly with any
other person, to or with the
Society, whether the period for
the payment, fulfilment, or dis-
charge thereof shall have actually
arrived or not, and no equitable
interest in any share shall be
created except upon the footing
and condition that Clause 9A
hereof is to have full effect. And
such Lien shall extend to all
dividends from time to time
declared in respect of such
shares."

3. "That after Article No. 34 of the
Society's Articles of Association
the following new Article be inserted
as Article No. 34A:—

34A. "Save as herein otherwise provided,
the Society shall be entitled to
treat the registered holder of any
share as the absolute owner thereof,
and accordingly shall not
be bound to recognize any equitable or
other claim to or interest in such share
on the part of any other person,
firm, Company or Corporation."

4. "That the heading of Article No. 35
of the Society's Articles of Association
be altered so as to read
"The Secretary"; and that in the
last mentioned Article (Nos. 35 to 39
inclusive) wherever the word "Secretary"
appears such word be
eliminated and that in lieu thereof
the words "General Manager" be
inserted."

5. "That in the following Articles
of the Society's Articles of Association,
viz:—Articles Nos. 2,
7, 25, 36, 46, 47, 53, 55, 84, 94,
103 and 129 the word "Secretary"
wherever it occurs be eliminated
and that in lieu thereof the words
"General Manager" be inserted."

Should the above Resolutions be passed
by the requisite majority, they will be
submitted for confirmation at a Special
Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently
convened.

Dated this 22nd day of November 1915.
By Order of the Board,
O. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the China Traders' Insurance
Company, Limited, will be held at the
Head Office of the Company, No. 2
Queen's Buildings, 100 House Street,
Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong on
SATURDAY the 4th day of December,
1915 at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon for
the purpose of considering, and if thought
fit, passing as Extraordinary Resolutions
the following Resolutions, that is to say:—

1. "That Article No. 9 of the Company's
Articles of Association which now
reads:—
"The Company shall have a first and
paramount lien upon all the shares
of any shareholder for all monies
due to the Company either from him
alone or jointly with any other
person, and where a share is held
by more persons than one the
Company shall have a lien thereon
in respect of all monies so due to
it from all or any of the holders
thereof."
be eliminated in its entirety, and
that in lieu thereof the following
new Article be inserted as Article
No. 9:—

9. "The Company shall have a first and
paramount lien upon all the shares
registered in the name of each
shareholder (whether solely or
jointly with others) and upon the
proceeds of sale thereof, for his
debts, liabilities and engage-
ments, and solely or jointly with
any other person, to or with the
Company, whether the period for
the payment, fulfilment, or dis-
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interest in any share shall be
created except upon the footing
and condition that Clause 9A
hereof is to have full effect. And
such Lien shall extend to all
dividends from time to time
declared in respect of such
shares."

2. "That after Article No. 33 of the
Company's Articles of Association
the following new Article be inserted
as Article No. 33A:—

33A. "Save as herein otherwise provided,
the Company shall be entitled to
treat the registered holder of any
share as the absolute owner thereof,
and accordingly shall not
be bound to recognize any equitable or
other claim to or interest in such share
on the part of any other person,
firm, Company or Corporation."

3. "That the heading of Article No. 34
of the Company's Articles of Association
be altered so as to read
"The Secretary"; and that in the
last mentioned Article (Nos. 34 to 39
inclusive) wherever the word "Secretary"
appears such word be
eliminated and that in lieu thereof
the words "General Manager" be
inserted."

4. "That in the following Articles
of the Company's Articles of Associa-
tion, viz:—Articles Nos. 2, 7,
24, 35, 44, 46, 53, 54, 55, 83, 102
and 123 the word "Secretary"
wherever it occurs be eliminated
and that in lieu thereof the words
"General Manager" be inserted."

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by the requisite majority, they will be
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PIPES FOR MEN IN THE TRENCHES.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Hongkong, 24th November, 1915.

Dear Sir,—Through the columns of
your paper I desire to acknowledge to and
thank the numerous ladies and gentlemen
for their contributions to the Fund I
started in October to buy pipes to send
to the British troops in the trenches as a
Xmas gift from Hongkong. I enclose
a list of those who have kindly contri-
buted to this Pipe Fund and shall be
pleased if you will publish it with this
letter.

On the 13th inst. I remitted \$600 to
London and this amount will purchase
about 3,000 Briar pipes, similar to those
I previously sent to the 1/6th Gloucester
Regiment in Flanders. The following
letter received from the trenches shows
how much those pipes are needed and
appreciated:—

"On behalf of the N.C.O.'s and men
of the F Company, 8th Gloucester
Regiment, I beg to convey to Mrs.
Harvey the thanks of all ranks for the
pipes she so kindly sent us. They are
very greatly appreciated as pipes are
easily broken here and hard to replace."
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dently. Captain Walkerholt.

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I have a further sum in hand which
will be remitted as soon as it amounts
to \$400. If there are any other ladies
or gentlemen who would like to contri-
bute to the Pipe Fund I shall be pleased
to receive the same and could, if expres-
sly desired, arrange for a small quantity
of pipes to be sent Postage Prepaid (which
ensures quick delivery) to individual
soldiers at the Front (France and the Dar-
danelles). Every five dollars will pur-
chase two dozen briar pipes, but the
smallest donation is always acceptable.

Thanking you for the courtesy of the
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I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
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THE WAR.

BERLIN UNEASY REGARD-
ING ROUMANIA300,000 RUSSIANS ON THE
ROUMANO-BULGARIAN
FRONTIER.

FRENCH MARINES REACH MONASTIR.

LORD DERBY CRITICISES PEERS'
STATEMENTS.CO-ORDINATION OF MUNITIONS MAKING
AMONG THE ALLIES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

300,000 RUSSIANS ON THE RUMANO-
BULGARIAN FRONTIER.

LONDON, Nov. 24.
A telegram from Rotterdam states that Berlin continues to show uneasiness regarding Rumania's attitude, fearing that Rumania may allow passage to the Russian troops towards Bulgaria. The public is being prepared for this development by semi-official statements, which are being issued in Berlin.

300,000 Russians are concentrated on the Rumano-Bulgarian frontier.

ENTENTE MINISTERS AND GREECE.

DEFINITION OF HER ATTITUDE DEMANDED.

ATHENS, November 24.
The four Entente Ministers have made a collective demarche on M. Skouloudis and handed him a note demanding Greece to define her attitude. This was immediately followed by a meeting of the Greek Cabinet.

STATEMENT BY GREEK MINISTERS.

Later.
Greek Ministers said to-day that the Entente note was much less severe than was generally believed. They affirmed that the situation was clearing as the Entente demands were now defined. The Entente Powers demand assurances regarding the security of the Allied forces, which Greece had never refused. The public are informed that the situation is developing normally and that the Entente demarche is friendly.

THE PUBLIC'S ATTITUDE.

LONDON, Nov. 24.
The brief official announcements concerning the action or inaction of the Powers regarding Greece give no explanations of the position. The public has drawn their own inferences, which are generally to the effect that it is clear the determination of the Allies to secure themselves against a surprise, coupled with strong hints of eventual contingencies, has been effectual.

FRENCH MARINES' FORTITUDE.

TERRIBLE WALK FROM BELGRADE TO MONASTIR.

LONDON, Nov. 24.
One hundred and five French marines have reached Monastir after a terrible march from Belgrade. Their equipment had to be partially abandoned but none fell out despite the awful conditions. They marched via Nish, Kraljevo, Prizrend, and Dibra, and sometimes found it easier to slide down the mud-logged mountain-sides, lying down rather than attempting to walk.

LORD DERBY ON THE WARPATH.

DENUNCIATION OF PEERS' STATEMENTS.

LONDON, Nov. 25.
Lord Derby, speaking at the Stock Exchange, fiercely denounced, amid continuous cheers, Lord St. Davids and Lord Ribblesdale for their speeches in the House of Lords. He gave the lie direct, from personal knowledge, to allegations against the Headquarters Staff.

Lord Derby, referring to Lord Ribblesdale's statement about General Monro's report of the Dardanelles said: "A man who gave information to the enemy went by an ugly name." He affirmed that though he himself was at the War Office, he heard nothing of what Lord Ribblesdale spoke of as common knowledge. He demanded to know who was the second traitor who gave this information.

Lord Derby concluded by appealing for support for his scheme, especially during the next three weeks, not only for the sake of mere numbers but on account of their moral effect upon Allies and enemies. They were endeavouring to do under voluntaryism what Germany had done under conscription in forty years.

CO-ORDINATION IN ALLIES' MUNITIONS MAKING.

LONDON, Nov. 24.
Mr. Lloyd George was engaged yesterday at the Ministry of Munitions in an all-day conference with the representatives of the French, Russian and Italian governments. It is understood that the question of co-ordination in regard to the munitions making of the Allies was again discussed.

MR. CHURCHILL IN THE TRENCHES.

LONDON, Nov. 24.
Mr. Winston Churchill is attached to the Grenadiers and is now having his first spell of duty in the trenches.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

EASTERN FRONT.

GERMAN AGAIN FORCED TO
RETIRE.

PERTROGRAD, Nov. 24.
A communique says that the day has been uneventful. There was some fighting north of Lake Svanten. The Germans assumed the offensive south-west of Dvinsk, but were forced to retire. The Russians along the middle Styre captured 179 prisoners and a quantity of stores.

QUIET IN MACEDONIA.

PARIS, Nov. 24.
A communique says that the fighting on Friday and Saturday all has been quiet in Macedonia.

ALLEGED OLD-FASHIONED
BANDOLIER EQUIPMENT.

LONDON, Nov. 23.
In the House of Commons, in reply to Colonel Yate, Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for India, said he had not yet received the information for which he had asked regarding the alleged manufacture of bandolier equipment of the 1902 pattern at Cawnpore.

CEYLON RIOTS.

Statement in the Commons.

LONDON, Nov. 24.
In the House of Commons, in reply to Sir J. D. Rees, who asked whether an amnesty would be applied in the case of Buddhist prisoners in Ceylon who were involved in the late riots, and whether an enquiry had been held into the causes of the riots and the general and relative culpability of the Mohammedans and Buddhists, Mr. Bonar Law said that while all the sentences on such prisoners had been carefully reviewed by the Government, no proposal for a general amnesty had been made. Reports on the causes of the riots had been furnished by Commissioners appointed to hold local enquiries, and would be included in papers which he hoped shortly to present to Parliament.

THE CAMEROONS.

Official Account of the Capture of
Tibati.

PARIS, Nov. 23.
The official account of the capture of Tibati, in the Cameroons, says the population, which had suffered from German exactions, welcomed the French with enthusiasm when they entered the town on the 23rd inst. Tibati is situated at a height of 3,000 feet and the French, advancing from Jolo, on the south, took the place by surprise, as the enemy was expecting them from the north.

The Germans, who were routed, fled and escaped in the darkness. A British column from Tigray arrived on the 4th after a perfectly co-ordinated march, despite the flooded roads.

GERMAN CONSPIRATORS IN
AMERICA.

Sensational Disclosures in New York.

LONDON, Nov. 24.
Reuter's correspondent at New York reports that a most important trial in connection with the activities of German agents has begun.

Five officials and employees of the Hamburg-America Line are accused of attempting to supply German warships from United States ports.

The Prosecutor in addressing the jury charged Captain Boyd, the German Naval Attaché, with directing the chartering, and loading of vessels to supply German warships and directing an expenditure of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars therefor. He said that he would show that the conspiracy extended from New York and Philadelphia to San Francisco and New Orleans. Six hundred thousand dollars was the amount spent in San Francisco in the supplying and chartering of the three ships which met the cruiser Leipzig and perhaps the Dresden. Altogether sixteen or seventeen ships were used to carry supplies to these warships. The Prosecutor said the defendants rode rough-shod over the laws and treaties of the United States as contemptuously as if they were mere "scrap of paper."

FOG IMPEDES OPERATIONS.

PARIS, Nov. 24.
Fog has impeded the artillery operations. "Nevertheless," the communique says, "we silenced batteries in the Bodincourt, Aisne and Argonne regions. Otherwise the situation is featureless."

DUTCH MINISTER'S SUDDEN
ILLNESS.

THE HAGUE, Nov. 24.
Colonial Minister Pleijte was taken ill during the debate on the Colonial estimates and the President adjourned the debate indefinitely.

DENMARK PROHIBITS EXPORT
OF COTTON.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 23.
The Government prohibited the export of cotton from the 22nd (Monday) inst.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ITALO-AUSTRIAN FRONT.

DESPERATE FIGHTING.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 23.
An Austrian communique speaks of desperate fighting on the Italian front. It admits that the Italians have penetrated the Austrian lines at Dobersdo after heavy artillery fire, and significantly mentions that the Bulgarians are meeting with most tenacious Serbian resistance in the East and South-East.

AUSTRIAN RESISTANCE NOW
OVERCOME.

ROME, Nov. 25.
A communique says that the fighting to the north-east of Calais on the 20th and 21st was most desperate. The stubborn resistance of the Austrians has now been overcome, and the Italians are firmly established in their new positions. The operations around Gorizia are continuing. The Italians have reached the Calvario crest.

There has been a vigorous resumption of fighting in Carso, where powerful outposts have been captured.

(Havas Service.)

EXPLOSION ON FRENCH
DESTROYER.

PARIS, Nov. 22.
An accidental explosion occurred on board the torpedo destroyer *Escopette*, of the French Mediterranean Squadron, immobilising the destroyer for a few days. One man was killed and a few others wounded.

JAPANESE VIEWS OF CHINA'S
MONARCHICAL ASPIRATIONS.

Very confusing, indeed, are the comments made in this country—says the *Japan Times*—on the prospective change of the form of government in China. The basic estimation of the situation, as a crisis of political development, which involves personal ambition, thoroughly unscrupulous in schemes and plots, has now spent itself, and imagination is given free play to form all sorts of dire claims for the future of the country. President Yuan ascending the throne—Pleasant to the eyes of the Chinese—has given the country's interests in China will suffer. Reports and rumours come numerous enough of rumbling under-currents and open uprisings, but their origin is generally doubtful, and why they are taken seriously is a puzzle. On the other hand, quite another reason is given by others for taking alarm at the return of Monarchy. President Yuan is credited, for instance, with intending to make a powerful military State of China. The German model, when he becomes Emperor, and his aggressive policy, it is feared, will subvert the peace of the Far East. Between the prospect of upheavals and anarchy and the coming of a Monarchy so well united as to make a formidable power is a rather wide gap. It is impossible to think that both would occur in consequence of Mr. Yuan wearing the crown. Such is the hopeless tangle of thought the Chinese monarchical movement is causing in this country. Evidently, there is a strong call for cool, sober and rational thinking.

A huge farce—as some seem to like to call it—may be developing in China with its Li Fa Yuan and Citizens' Representative Convention. But to do justice to President Yuan, it must be said of him that he has been playing his part sensibly well for the last few months. His enemies accuse him of acting a double part. But nothing he has done since the monarchical movement was started weeks ago, would sustain the charge of his being a traitor to the Republic. As to the insinuation that he has been pulling wires to make the Provincial Generals and others agitate for a new Imperial regime, it may be recalled that there was a fairly strong body of Americans, who in the Independence days, offered Washington a royal crown. Why must we suppose that the Chinese generally offer is not genuine and voluntary? Washington declined the offer. President Yuan would accept the sceptre if the people wished him to do so. That is the difference between Washington and Yuan, but we must also remember that there are vast differences between the Americans and the Chinese, and perhaps Mr. Yuan knows the real needs of his country as well as Washington did of his. What Mr. Yuan says undoubtedly carries as much weight with many Chinese as what is said about him. Please some people here. And some of his utterances are wonderfully full of intelligence and good sense.

Of the latter the *Peking and Tientsin Times* publishes an exceedingly interesting interview which its representative had with President Yuan. Asked as to his future policy Mr. Yuan said: "As in the past, so in the future, my policy will be a progressive one. From the beginning of my official career I have always had three special objects in view: (1) The establishment of a sound and far-reaching system of education in its widest sense; (2) The expansion of this country industrially; and (3) Thoroughly to reform the army." The suggestion that in the event of a monarchical form of government—being restored, a period of reaction would set in drew forth the reply: "It is impossible for China to revert to the old order of things. A new spirit has been breathed into the people and nothing could stop their efforts for progress and reform." To a direct question on his attitude towards the monarchical movement, the President answered: "It is the will of the people that the republican form of Government should remain in force, which is the thing that I desire. I shall be able with strengthened hands to carry out my policy of reform. If, on the other hand, they decide on the restoration of the monarchy, then, being their elected President, I shall not oppose their wishes. Many Chinese who have seen four years of autocracy with its fair firmness and rich resourcefulness would be glad to have a proper name given to the fact, and to them such utterances as have just been quoted must mean strong assurances which they cannot but hail with delight. What if President Yuan has himself acclaimed Emperor in the spirit of great self-interest? Why should we object to that? Why should we serve China with a friendly warning?"

BERLIN TO-DAY.

GAIETY AND CONFIDENCE
STILL SUBSIST.

In the following article in *The Times* a neutral correspondent, who returned to England from Germany some weeks ago, describes social and economic life in Berlin to-day.

"Perhaps I may be wrong, he says, but it seemed to me that night life in Berlin now is abnormal. Here is an explanation. The German knows that London is a dismal place after 7 o'clock in the evening, and he knows that he alone is responsible for this condition. It gives a certain amount of satisfaction to the Berliner to sit in a hot garden, bright lights all about him, a mug of beer before him, watching the crowds of people coming and going as if the Fatherland were not involved in the greatest war of history, when he has read how the Londoner crawls along the darkened streets, gets home at 9.30 o'clock and goes to bed."

"We want England to feel the war," a German remarked to me. "She is taking it too easily." So as London quiets down Berlin speeds up. "We are supreme," the German says. "Strike up the band and let us show England that we have taken her place." Perhaps the Government is acting wisely. "When everything is bright confidence bubbles over. Soldiers, back from the trenches, need relaxation and change." At night Berlin is filled with confidence. The "morning after" may be another story.

No matter with whom you talk, high or low, civilian or soldier, you cannot help seeing their supreme confidence. I talked with several Government officials, and they all tried to impress on me the fact that Germany had no fears as to the future. As an undersecretary in the Foreign Office, whose knowledge of England and English people was gained through a long residence here, said:

"The majority of us think that Britain has gone to the dogs. They know the English people to be a comfort-loving race; they have read Thomas's speech in Parliament, heard about the Welsh coal strikes, and have read Mr. Lloyd George's speech to the House of Commons. Naturally they think the country is on the brink of revolution. Those of us who understand the English people better realise that things are hardly as desperate as they appear, but we also know that a country which depends upon the voluntary system is bound to have every kind of trouble."

"If I know England, rightly she is not satisfied with the men at the head of her Government. We appreciate the value of freedom as do the English, but there are times when our form of government has its advantages over every other and this is one of them. We think we have the war won but we are not deluding ourselves that a tremendous task has yet to be accomplished. Fortunately we are well prepared, and the future may have some surprises in store for those who still think that Germany will be crushed. Do you hear English people, use that expression now! It hurts them more than it does us."

THE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS.
A well-known German financial writer gave me a lecture on German finance and economy when I tried to tease him on his country's lack of a sinking fund. His lecture was a mass of figures and statistics summarised briefly it was the story of a "united people pouring its gold into the State Treasury and receiving paper in exchange." This paper is to be redeemed when the war is over because Germany's industrial growth will be unprecedented, and she is to collect great indemnities. Even this student and statistician expressed amazement at the size of this golden stream. He swept my questions aside with a disdain to show that all the State's loans remained in the State because the British blockade had shut off practically all imports. The gold remained in the State's strong-boxes except when Turkey and Austria needed funds. It was true that Bulgaria had just received a magnificent loan, though he did not put it quite in that way.

SCARCITY OF RUBBER.
Practically every one who returns from Berlin remarks on the city's lack of taxicabs. The fact is that there are no rubber tyres to waste on taxicabs or any other kind of motor vehicle unless it is in Government service. Germany needs rubber badly. Her supply of cotton is far from satisfactory, and will probably last for many months, because it is under Government control, and that spells economy. Old tin cans are collected and used for military purposes, but it is foolish to get the idea that brass and copper are being stripped from every thing. No metal is wasted or allowed to rot unused for any useful purpose, but Germany is far from such dire need as one might expect after seeing a photograph showing a collection of church bells, copper pots, and door knockers with a caption reading "Hans Use Church Bells to Make Guns."

THE MEN IN MOTEL.
The thing that impresses you most in Berlin is the great number of men in uniform. You go there expecting to find a city of soldiers and women in mourning. Both are there in thousands. But you bump into a civilian at every step. The explanation is simple. It is another form of German thoroughness—a word which grates on the ear of anyone except the German. Berlin really disposes of a great number of civilians must be employed there to keep the machinery going. It is as important to do this as it is to have men in the firing line. The Government controls every male. Berlin is the centre, so in Berlin you find thousands of men who would be stopped by recruiting officers if they had them in Germany. Germany will not freeze or starve to death this winter. To judge by the amount of coal stored along the railway line from Holland to Berlin some one has been busy in the winter this summer. No matter how short she may be of other supplies, there should always be a few potatoes to tide her over till the spring. It looked to me as though the Government had ordered every farmer to plant potatoes and no one had dared to neglect the order. Working in the potato fields you see French soldiers, conspicuous by their red and blue uniforms, Russians and Belgians, but I did not recognise a single British "Tommy." They were busy harvesting a crop which is said to have broken all the records.

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GERMAN PROPAGANDA IN CHINA.

SINISTER EFFORTS TO CAUSE REBELLION IN INDIA.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

The Times' Peking correspondent says the sinister character of the efforts of the Germans in China to cause a rebellion in India is attested to by the discovery of a practice in vogue for some time of forwarding to India from Shanghai proclamations calling all Moslems to a Holy War against Britain. The proclamations, which are written in Arabic and are signed by the Sultan of Turkey, Sheikhul Islam and Enver Pasha, are conveyed to India in false-bottomed trunks.

LATEST NEWS FROM GREECE.

KING OF GREECE ACCEPTS THE ALLIES' NOTE.

ATHENS, Nov. 25.

The King, at a luncheon which he gave in honour of M. Denys Schochier, discussed the Entente note. He assured the French Envoy that it would be favourably received and acknowledged the friendliness of its tone. He would secure the confirmation of Greece's assurances of the position of the Allied troops.

The document has no time limit but asks for a most speedy reply. It is believed in Athens that the Government will completely accept the demands of the Allies.

THE GREEK ARMY.

PARTIAL DEMOBILISATION TALKED ABOUT.

ATHENS, Nov. 25.

The partial demobilisation of the Greek Army is being talked about in Government circles. Greece's financial position is becoming difficult and three successive Cabinet meetings were held yesterday.

SERBIAN HONOURS FOR BRITISH OFFICERS.

LONDON, Nov. 25.

The absence of news regarding Rear-Admiral Troubridge and the other British officers, who have been in Serbia since the Austro-German attack on Belgrade, leads interest to the announcement made this evening that the King has granted the under-mentioned permission to wear honours conferred by the King of Serbia: Rear-Admiral Troubridge, Captain Elliot, Lieut.-Commander Kerr and three others.

LARGE ADDITIONAL AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENTS.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 25.

The Commonwealth has decided to raise an additional 50,000 men, thus bringing the Australian contribution by June up to 300,000.

WESTERN FRONT.

PARIS, Nov. 24.

A communiqué states that there have been only minor operations.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER
RESERVES.

Major Wakeman Commanding H.K.V.R.

DEATH NOTICE.

The Officer Commanding has much regret in announcing the death on the 24th inst. of Private E. A. Hewitt of "D" Company.

ATTENTION.

Members of "C" Co. with the exceptions of the undermentioned will parade on Sunday, the 28th inst., at 7.30 a.m., as follows:—

Kowloon Residents: In front of Dock Office.

Tatlooo Residents: At Tatlooo Dock.

Remainder: On Cricket Ground.

Dress: drill order with topcoats, haversacks and waterbottles filled (no pouches), and will proceed by launch to Kowloon City. Food will be taken in haversacks. All exempted members must parade unless employed on Government or Military duties between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the 28th inst. in which case a certificate to that effect must be sent to the O.C. "C" Co. three days in advance. A special tram will leave The Peak at 7.15 a.m.

The following members will not attend:—Ptes. W. Robillard, W. G. Browell, C. Crispin, S. Jack, A. B. Lowe, E. Macfarlane, E. Des Voeux, F. C.

Goodman, D. S. Gubbay, J. Hunter, A. S. Gubbay, E. Raymond, W. H. Smith, A. Cavalier, W. Dickson, E. Irving, A. Keigwin, N. Marshall, S. Newall, J. Kinaird, G. M. Shaw, H. J. Slett, and also those who did not fire Part I. on the 7th inst.

The following are detailed for telephone duty at Kowloon City Range on Sunday, the 28th inst., and will parade with "C" Co. on the Cricket Ground at 7.30 a.m.

Dress: uniform, topcoats, haversacks and waterbottles, no rifles; semaphore flags will be carried; food will be carried in haversacks and waterbottles filled. Ptes. A. J. Carter and L. A. Coscart.

"B" Co. will parade on the Cricket Ground on Sunday, the 28th inst., at 7.30 a.m. Dress: drill order with haversacks and waterbottles (no pouches).

PARADES.

Recruits will parade on the Cricket Ground on Monday, the 29th inst., Wednesday, the 1st December, and Thursday, the 2nd December, at 5.15 p.m., under Sergt. Major Bond. Dress: drill order.

"D" Co. will parade at Volunteer Headquarters on Wednesday, the 1st December, at 5.15 p.m., under Sergt. Major Cooke. Dress: drill order.

All non-commissioned officers will parade on the Cricket Ground on Thursday, the 2nd December, at 5.15 p.m., for

instruction in bayonet fighting. Dress: drill order. Officers will attend.

"A," "B" and "C" Companies will parade on the Cricket Ground on Friday, the 3rd December, at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

SIGNALLING SECTION.

Parades will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, the 29th inst., Wednesday, the 1st December, and Friday, the 3rd December. Uniform to be worn.

POSTING.

Pte. A. E. Wood having joined is posted to Co. "A" Section I.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

PATROLS.

Printed Schedules of the Patrol duties for December, 1915, are being to-day issued to all Inspectors and Sergeants.

JOINED.

No. 2 Company: J. A. C. Ribeiro and Mr. A. dos Remedios.

PARADES CENTRAL 5.30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 26th: Band of the Police Reserve. Also Recruits.

RECRUITS.

Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons, No. 1 Company, and No. 2 Company, Tuesday and Friday, November 30th and December 3rd.

Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons, No. 1 Company, and No. 3 Company, Monday and Tuesday, November 29th and December 2nd.

INSPECTION, NOV. 27TH.

All ranks fall in at Volunteer Headquarters at 3 p.m. sharp.

RIFLES.

O.C. Companies and Platoon Commanders will note that any efficient men requiring rifles for Saturday's inspection can draw same at Central on Friday, November 26th, at 5.30 p.m.

(Sgd.) F. C. JENKIN,
D. S. P. (Reserve).

A COOLIE AND HIS
EMPLOYER.

Mr D. A. Purvis, a foreman in engineer at Kowloon Docks, charged his house coolie before Mr Lindsell at the Police Court this morning with being absent from his duties without leave.

Defendant said he had given his master two months' notice previously.

Mr Purvis, in the box, said defendant was his house coolie. He and his wife returned from a holiday in Java on Oct. 25th to find his house in a filthy condition. The servants thus had to do a lot of work through their own carelessness. They were paid part of their wages on the 3rd, witness retaining the balance in case they left because of the extra work. The balance was paid them on the 4th. They immediately came in after finishing up for the night and the coolie said a friend had told him his mother was very ill, and he wanted to finish it. He took him along to the police station to see Inspector Lamont. Defendant left the house the next morning after his mistress had scolded him for not doing his work properly.

Complainant added that he had had this trouble with his servants for the last 15 months, ever since he had been obliged to discharge a boy who had been with him eight or nine years. The servants never said they wanted to leave, but simply went away, and that was why he was determined to make an example of one of them.

Inspector Lamont said he told defendant either to get a substitute or to give him a month's notice.

Defendant:—I got a substitute but when my mistress struck me he did not dare to come to the house.

Mr Purvis:—He never brought any substitute to the house.

Defendant:—Even a substitute would not like to work for them.

Mr James Martin, a draughtsman, 29 Dock Terrace, the defendant's new employer, said defendant was an excellent coolie, and a thoroughly trustworthy servant. Witness had been told by defendant and other servants that the coolie did find a substitute and gave notice. As to the statement that the house was filthy, these dock houses became dirty before noon with the dust from the cement works, if the wind was in the right direction. Witness added:—I suppose the real reason he left them is that he was bashed about too much, and he absolutely refused to stay.

His Worship:—That is your opinion. You have only heard one side of the case.

Witness:—You have only heard the other side of the case.

His Worship:—The statement made by Mr Purvis is a statement on oath that he knew such things. You can only make a statement that you believe certain things to be true.

Mr Martin indicated that he wished to call evidence on behalf of the coolie, who was remanded in bail of \$15.

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